

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended): A communication terminal comprising:

a voice input unit which inputs voice;

a voice ~~converting unit~~ converter which converts the voice ~~inputted input~~ by the voice input unit into a voice signal;

a character ~~converting unit~~ converter which converts the voice signal converted by said the voice ~~converting unit~~ converter into a character signal;

a ~~transmitting unit~~ transmitter which transmits said the voice signal and said the character signal via a communication line; and

a ~~control unit which~~ controller which executes a communication error rate check of the communication line at predetermined time intervals after the transmitter starts a signal transmission, and controls said ~~transmitting unit~~ the transmitter in such a manner that said ~~transmitting unit~~ the transmitter transmits said the voice signal or said the character signal in response to the error rate; and

a notifier which outputs information indicating a communication switching when the transmitter switches to voice signal transmission or character signal transmission ~~a condition of said communication line.~~

2. (currently amended): A communication terminal according to claim 1

wherein:

~~said control unit~~ the controller controls said ~~transmitting unit~~ the transmitter in

such a manner that ~~said transmitting unit~~ the transmitter transmits ~~said the~~ character signal when an the error rate of ~~said communication line~~ is higher than a predetermined value and the transmitter transmits the voice signal when the error rate is equal or less than the predetermined value.

3. (currently amended): A communication terminal according to claim 1 wherein:

~~said the~~ communication terminal is comprised of a ~~storage unit~~ memory for storing ~~thereinto~~ therein both ~~said~~ voice signal and ~~said the~~ character signal.

4. (currently amended): A communication terminal according to claim 3 wherein:

~~said storage unit~~ the memory stores ~~thereinto~~ therein time information in combination with ~~said the~~ voice signal and ~~said the~~ character signal.

5. (currently amended): A communication terminal according to claim 4 wherein:

~~said the~~ communication terminal is comprised of a character input unit which inputs a character, and reads a voice signal from ~~said storage unit~~ the memory in response to time information of a character signal corresponding to the character ~~inputted input~~ by ~~said the~~ character input unit.

6-7. (canceled).